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Army Community Service 61 Quebec Street, BLD 683 Fort Devens, MA 01434—4479 Serving the Military in New England

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"I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." Nathan Hale

Fort Devens Welcome Center

61 Quebec Street, Building 683
ACS Hours of Operation
0730-1600 Monday -Friday

https://www.devens.army.mil ACS TELEPHONE NUMBERS 978-796-3023/3119 DSN 256-3023/3119

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1-800-342-9647

www.armyonesource.com

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ACS DIRECTOR

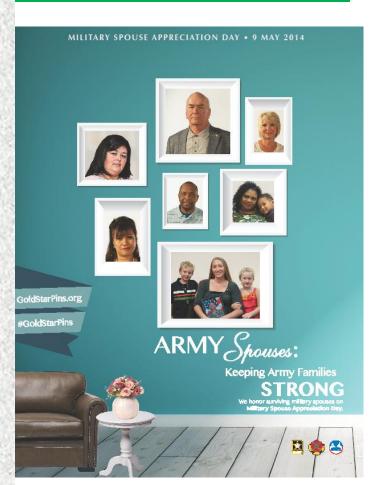




HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY: On Monday, May 26, 2014 Americans across this nation and citizens located around the world will pause throughout the day to observe Memorial Day. Since its first official observation on 5 May,1868, when it was called Declaration Day, it has been a day of remembrance for those who sacrificed and died in our nation's service. And while it was originally dedicated to honor Civil War Soldiers, we know it today as a celebration in memory of all who have fought for and defended our right to freedom.

It is important to not only recognize their service but to respect their devotion to duty and to ensure that the purpose for which they fought will never be forgotten. From the soldiers who fought bravely during the American Revolution to the men and women of today's Armed Forces, America's fighting forces, have responded bravely to this nation's call to duty. Both on the battlefield and in their assurance of readiness, members of the nation's military remain bound to their duty.

Military Spouse Appreciation Day – 9 May 2014:



Thank You to the Spouses who support those who serve in conflict to protect our land, and sacrificed their dreams of the day to preserve the hope of our nation keeping America the land of the free for over two centuries. Fort Devens owes our thanks and our honor to you.

FINANCIAL

<u>Tax Season 2014</u>: Command Group and ACS at Fort Devens extend their appreciation to the Massachusetts ANG Income Tax Program and the volunteers that made the 2013 year's tax season a great success.

The Fort Devens volunteers did <u>123 tax returns</u>, <u>63 Federal and 60 State</u>. These returns reflected a net total of \$131,872 in Federal refunds and \$13,307 in State refunds.

Our activity saved the military personnel we assisted about \$20,000 in tax return preparation fees. We look forward to partnering again next year.

Top 10 Military Discounts for Spouses: Check out this website for Military discounts with your ID

http://www.military.com/discounts/top-10-military-discounts-for-spouses.html?ESRC=family.nl

Save the Date: Support Army Emergency Relief on 11 June 2014



0715-0745 Contributions, Snacks & Set Up

0745 Safety Brief

0800

Run/Walk Start Time

Assemble:

Behind Moore Hall Building











SOLDIER AND FAMILY



<u>Companies Hiring High School Students:</u> Listing of companies hiring high school students for summer jobs. WEBSITE: http://www.bostonbar.org/in-the-community/public-service/summer-jobs-program

<u>Veterans Employment Center:</u> A new online resource, the Veterans Employment Center, officially launched on April 23, 2014! The site is the first interagency tool to bring both public and private job opportunities, a resume-builder, military skills translator and detailed career and training resources together in one place.

At the Joining Forces anniversary celebration, First Lady Michelle Obama stated, "Starting today, every single service member, every veteran, and every military family will have access to a new online tool that will revolutionize how you find jobs in both the public and private sectors.

All you have to do is log on to ebenefits.va.gov."

This new eBenefits feature incorporates numerous tools and resources for job seekers, as well as employers who want high quality applicants. Veterans, service members and their spouses or dependents, who are looking for work, transitioning out of the military or changing careers are encouraged to utilize the Veterans Employment Center. Users can access the Skills Translator function to translate military terms to civilian skills or just go right to the Resume Builder tool. Resumes created on the site will be available to private and public sector employers who specifically want to hire veterans. Veterans Employment Center is found at http://www.ebenefits.va.gov. eBenefits Fact Sheet http://www.nvti.ucdenver.edu/home/buzz xtra/eBenefits factsheet.pdf



May Closures for the Hanscom Clinic and Pharmacy:

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2 May - The Clinic and Pharmacy will be closed all day for Wingman Day and Readiness training

23 May - The Clinic and Pharmacy will be closed all day for AFMC Family Day

26 May - The Clinic and Pharmacy will be closed all day for Memorial Day

If you need to contact the on call provider during these times, please call

781-225-6789. Visit the Hanscom 66th Medical Squadron online

http://www.hanscom.af.mil/units/clinic/index.asp

The Federal Resume Database:

THE FEDERAL RESUME DATABASE

SUCCESSFUL FEDERAL RESUME SAMPLES FROM 6 POPULAR FEDERAL RESUME BOOKS BY KATHRYN TROUTMAN



150 Samples of Samples of Military Transition, Military Spouse, Student Veteran, and Government Federal Employee Federal Resumes From Current Titles and CD-ROMs by Kathryn Troutman



http://www.resume-place.com/imcomacs Username: IMCOMACS

Password: getajob

The Resume Place, Inc. -- www.resume-place.com -- (888) 480-8265

The new DOD Transition Assistance Program (DoD TAP): website is now available at https://www.DoDTAP.mil (replaces TurboTAP). The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) provides information, tools, and training to ensure Service members and their spouses are prepared for the next step in civilian life whether pursuing additional education, finding a job in the public or private sector, or starting their own business. This redesigned TAP is the result of an interagency collaboration to offer separating Service members and their spouses better, more easily accessible resources and information to make their transitions more successful.

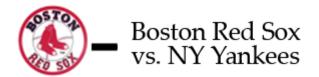
From this site, Service members and their spouses can:

- Learn about the new Transition GPS (Goals, Plans, Success) curriculum
- Determine how and where to start preparing for their transition to civilian life
- Discover a host of online resources regarding VA benefits, financial planning assistance, and assessing and documenting their skills for transition to civilian life

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TICKETS AND TOURS

TICKETS AND TOURS, (781) 225-6505/6498 Hanscom AFB, 98 Barksdale Street Bldg http://www.hanscomservices.com/ PREPAID ORDERS ONLY!! Payment is due at the time the order is placed. Once the order has been placed there are no refunds.

Take a trip with us! We offer many exciting destinations. Call us at (781) 225-6505 to make your reservation today. Please make your reservation 30 days in advance for all overnight trips.





<u>Featuring</u>:

- round-trip transportation
- terrace level seating at Yankee Stadium

Saturday, June 28: Depart from Hanscom AFB at 1:30 p.m. Enjoy Silver Fox Coach for a great day in New York as the Red Sox battle the Yankees at the Yankee Stadium. You'll arrive about 90 minutes prior to game time of 7:15 p.m., allowing you time to view pre-game warm ups or visit Monument Park. Then you'll enjoy all the action from your excellent Terrace Level reserved seats as the Yankees and Red Sox take the field. You'll depart for home after the game and a great day at Yankee Stadium! Approximate return time home will be about 3 a.m.

Cost: \$104 pp

Call Tickets & Tours for more information or to reserve your spot today! (781) 225-6505







Featuring:

- round-trip transportation
- guided bus tour of Martha's Vineyard

Saturday, July 26: Depart from Hanscom AFB at 8 a.m. A Silver Fox Coach bus will take you to Cape Cod to board your ferry across the Nantucket Sound. A native tour guide will lead you on a bus tour of the Vineyard's most beautiful spots, including the painted cottages of Oak Bluffs. Explore the charm of Edgartown before your ferry back to Falmouth. Enjoy a delicious dinner at the Country buffet then return home. **Cost:** \$83 pp

Call Tickets & Tours for more information or to reserve your spot today! (781) 225-6505

HANSCOM AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER MAY 2013

Please Call 781-225-2765 to Register

Serving the total force...Programs are free to all single and married Active Duty, Reserve, and Guard personnel, DoD civilians, retired Military personnel and Family members

MILITARY FAMILY LIFE CONSULTANTS (MFLCs) - MFLC provides free, short-term, non-medical, solution-oriented counseling on a range of issues. For service members and their families – no records are kept. Call (781) 879-7654 and leave your first name only for an appointment!

PRIVATE SECTOR RESUME CRITIQUE - Sessions are held by appointment only. Resumes are reviewed by an A&FRC employment specialist with HR experience – a great opportunity for feedback to improve your resume format and content. Email your resume

66.FSS.FSFR.CMB@hanscom.af.mil. You will receive a response in 3-5 business days. Prior attendance at an A&FRC resume writing class is recommended.

<u>VETERANS AFFAIRS DISABILITY CLAIMS REVIEW</u> – Will be held be by appointment only. A representative from AMVETS, a veterans' service organization, will assist you in processing your disability claim and answer questions. Call the AMVETS Service Representative at (617) 303-5698 for an appointment.

FEDERAL RESUME CRITIQUE (By Appointment Only) - Resumes are reviewed by employment specialists — a great opportunity for feedback to improve your resume format and content. Email your federal resume and the applicable Vacancy Announcement to 66.FSS.FSFR.CMB@hanscom.af.mil. You will be contacted for an appointment after we have reviewed your resume. Prior completion of the A&FRC Federal Resume Writing for USAJOBS Class is strongly recommended.

***PLEASE NOTE: All classes are subject to change. Please confirm the date and time. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. CALL (781) 225-2765

<u>WOMEN AND INVESTING</u>—'<u>LUNCH AND LEARN'</u> Thursday, May 1; 12:00 p.m.—12:45 p.m. Are wondering how to begin investing? At this workshop you will learn about basic investment approaches and winning strategies. Find out about investment products such as: stocks, bonds and/or mutual funds. Presented by the Hanscom Federal Credit Union. Free lunch is provided.

PREDEPLOYMENT BRIEFING Friday, May 2, 9, 16, 30; 2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Mandatory for personnel tasked with a TDY/Deployment of 30 days or longer. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend. Briefings are held every Friday at the Airman & Family Readiness Center. Please call to sign up.

<u>MATRI-MONEY</u> Monday, May 5; 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Put a damper on the emotionally charged discussions of money matters in your marriage by learning how to develop realistic financial goals and communicate them effectively to your partner. Presented by Hanscom's Military & Family Life Consultant.

RESUME WRITING FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR Tuesday, May 6; 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. This basic resume writing course discusses how to write and format an effective resume and cover letter. Taught by a former private sector HR staffing specialist and member of the Professional Association of Resume Writers and Career Coaches and the Career Planning and Adult Development Network.

<u>PRESEPARATION COUNSELING</u> Wednesday, May 7, 14, 21, 28; 9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m. Weekly sessions for separating & retiring service members to complete the mandatory DD Form 2648, Preseparation Counseling. The session provides critical information about benefits, resources & services available to transition from military to civilian life. This counseling MUST be provided at least 90 days prior to date of separation or retirement. Service members must complete the counseling prior to attending the TAP-GPS (Goals, Plans, Success) Seminar.

<u>FEDERAL RESUME WRITING AND USAJOBS</u> Wednesday, May 7; 12:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m. Improve your odds of getting the federal job you want by learning resume writing basics, how to locate essential skills and keywords to include, how to write accomplishment statements & essays, resume builder formats & more.

CREATING A HEALTHY MARRIAGE Wednesday, May 7; 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Join us as we explore the myths and realities of marriage through each stage – from "romantic love" to "transformation," how to understand and deal with conflict, and the keys to creating and maintaining a healthy relationship with your spouse. Presented by Hanscom's Military & Family Life Consultant.

HOW TO ORGANIZE ANYTHING Thursday, May 8, 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Ever wonder how some people can be so organized? Being disorganized is not a character flaw! With the 5-step "C.L.E.A.R." methodology, you can learn how to organize anything at work or home including your papers, things, and space. You will discover a new way to organize which can lead to a more calm, productive & enjoyable day. Presented by Lorena Prime of Boston's "Clearly Organized Business Solutions" and a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers.

HEART LINK SPOUSE ORIENTATION Thursday, May 8; 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Welcome to the military family! Heart Link is an orientation workshop for any spouse married to a service member from any branch of the armed services who wants to learn more about military life. The Heart Link program will provide you with essential information you need to know to make your life in the Air Force exciting, fulfilling, and rewarding (and you'll win prizes!) Join us and we'll get started on our journey!

BRANDING YOURSELF- EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION SKILLS Friday, May 9; 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. This workshop discusses a strategy to Branding yourself using written, verbal and virtual methods, including the use of social media. More than 90% of all employers/recruiters use social media (LinkedIn) to find qualified candidates. Bring your lunch.

TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM—GPS WORKSHOP Monday - Friday, May 12-16; 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Hanscom Conference Center, Building 1106 · All military attendees must have completed DD Form 2648\ (Preseparation Counseling) prior to the workshop. Mandatory for all service members. Spouses welcome. Assists voluntarily & involuntarily separating & retiring service members with career & life transition. This 5 day program consists of a DOL Employment Workshop, a VA benefits briefing, modules on financial planning, Military Occupational Code (MOC) Crosswalk & preparation and review of Individual Transition Plans (ITP). All military attendees must be enrolled in eBenefits.va.gov

prior to the workshop. Please bring your own laptop /device), Pre-Registration is required;

E-SMOOTH MOVE SEMINAR Thursday, May 15; 11:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Learn how to navigate the new internet based resources designed for PCS moves, and where to get answers to your questions about your upcoming move. Informational handouts will be provided. JPPSO and Finance will be available to answer questions!!! Bring your "smart" device and follow along with us on our WIFI. Spouses Welcome! *NOTE: All classes are subject to change. Please call to register and confirm date and time.

<u>MOVING WITH CHILDREN</u> Thursday, May 15; 12:35 p.m. — 1:15 p.m. Parents! Please join us for this special presentation immediately following the E-Smooth Move Seminar. We'll discuss tips and techniques to help make moving and adjustment to a new school easier for your children whether it's their first move or their fifteenth. (Partnership with MFLC)

** HANSCOM AFB JOB FAIR ** Friday, 16 May; 1:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m. Hanscom Conference Center, Bldg 1106 Free Admission. 26 employers; different fields, federal & private sector. Registration not required. Bring your resume'; paper and electronic DoD ID cards REQUIRED for access to Hanscom AFB

<u>HE SAID</u>, <u>SHE SAID</u> Friday, 16 May, 1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m. Bldg 1217 A workshop for men and women focusing on differences and similarities in communication styles, how to communicate more effectively, both at home and in the workplace, and how to achieve the goal of understanding what he & she *really* said. Presented by Sue Spielman.

<u>INSTALLATION COMMANDER'S WELCOME</u> Monday, May 19; 8:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. Your official introduction to Hanscom AFB features essential base and local community information for new arrivals. Spouses & other service personnel at HAFB encouraged to attend! Medical Squadron Welcome for Clinic beneficiaries follows at 11:45.

<u>FAMILY WELCOME</u> — Bring the children! Tuesday, May 20; 10:00 a.m. — 11:30 a.m., Bldg 1217 Learn about Hanscom AFB and the surrounding communities. Receive money saving tips and shopping information while learning about schools, recreation, local attractions, safety, security, education, employment and more. Children welcome.

HEARTS APART - BOWL YOU OVER Wednesday, May 21; 4:30 p.m. —6:00 p.m.

Families of deployed, remote tour and extended TDY service members are invited to join us at the Bowling Center for food, drinks and fun. Please RSVP with the total number of individuals attending by Friday, 16 May by calling 781-225-2765 or via e-mail shon.teicheira@us.af.mil

"T" PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & CITY ORIENTATION Friday, May 30; 9:00 a.m.—

4:00 p.m. How to navigate the local public transportation system and obtain information on events and attractions. Ride into Boston with us using the "T." All you need is \$5 for subway fares (Children 11 & under free with paying adult.). Bring your lunch or purchase downtown. Part of official newcomer orientation; military service members do not have to take leave to attend.

Family Advocacy Outreach

CELL PHONE COLLECTION: The Family Advocacy Program collects used and old cell phones, and distributes them to local domestic violence agencies. Drop off phones, batteries, and chargers to the Family Advocacy Program, Bldg 1217. Please put each phone and its accessories in a sealed, plastic bag.

WIC, a nutrition and education program for income-eligible expectant parents or parents with children age birth to five is located on base. * WIC is located in Bldg 1507 *. WIC is on base the first and third Wednesday of each month from 0800 to 1530. For WIC appointments or information, call (617) 312-9974.

<u>First Connections-</u> Is a non-profit, family support organization that provides comprehensive services to families with young children birth through age five. First Connections serves a large geographic area that encompasses twelve metro-west communities, including Hanscom Air Force Base. All programs are free or low cost. More information is available on their website www.firstconnections.org or by calling 781-287-0221.

EMPLOYMENT READINESS



<u>Free Vocational Training for Veterans:</u> The Veterans Training School (VTS) is recruiting unemployed and under-employed Veterans for the following vocational free vocational programs: Apply today! Email Andrew Moyseowicz or call 617-371—1810. Find more online at www.nechv.org

<u>Career Opportunities:</u> An update that we now have a "Career Opportunities" link on our website which will have all the information regarding our current job opening, description, and how to apply... http://www.veteransinc.org/about-us/career-opportunities/

<u>Labor Ready</u>: Provides temp jobs to those interested in gaining work experience, want some extra cash, or need immediate income when between jobs or need seasonal work. Flexible work hours; get paid the same day. Over 600 locations throughout the United States. http://www.laborready.com/Temporary-Employment

The above information is provided as a community service. No endorsement of events, products or services by the DoD is implied or intended. For more information, contact the company directly.

Free Resume Help for Military Members: The below website is where Service Members can get free resume writing help and the course schedule. http://www.networkri.org/centers.htm

<u>USA JOB:</u> JOB OPPORTUNITIES ON THE BASE - Remember to go to <u>www.USAJOBS.GOV</u> and search for Newport, RI if you are interested in finding out and applying for positions open onboard the Naval Station. Current opportunities include a Motor Vehicle Operator that's open through next week. Spread the word! USAJOBS - The Federal Government's Official Jobs Site <u>www.USAJOBS.GOV</u> This is a United States Office of Personnel Management website. USAJOBS is the Federal Government's official one-stop source for Federal jobs and employment information.

Job Search: Below please find a link to critical skills needed at Booz Allen Hamilton. Please share with your contacts and have all interested email me their resumes and I will submit on their behalf – this speeds up the review process. Also, applicants must identify the job skills qualification from the list. https://erp.bah.com/hotjobs.htm

Website: Career Resources for Veterans: The Defense Centers of Excellence (DCoE) recently collaborated with PBS to produce a handbook for military families. Created as a companion to the PBS series "This Emotional Life," A Handbook for Family & Friends of Service Members explores the stressors and feelings individuals may encounter throughout the different phases of deployment. The handbook aims to provide solutions for Service members and identifies outside tools and resources that may be useful to friends and family members before, during and after deployment. Topics include what to expect during deployment and how to strengthen or repair relationships. Order the handbooks from the Real Warriors Campaign website at http://www.sc.edu/career/Webresources/veterans.html

http://www.realwarriors.net/materials/order

Hanscom AFS: Resources http://www.hanscom.af.mil

Massachusetts Career Information System: http://masscis.intocareers.org/default.asp

Veterans Employment Services (978) 534-1481 x 117www.wmoore@detma.org

Orion International: info@orioninternational.com

RELOCATION READINESS

ACS has listings for apartments or houses to rent. List is updated as housing is made available to us. Call 978-796-3023. ACS Electronic Welcome Packets https://www.devens.army.mil or call 978-796-3023

Moving and Relocation Information: Terrific tips to make moving easier. http://afmove.hq.af.mil/Default.asp

TRICARE Information at Hanscom AFB:

Hanscom AFB offers a monthly Newcomer Orientation Medical Clinic welcome to all new patients every Tuesday from 1300 to 1500. It is strongly recommended that Army personnel attend so they can find out about their provider, how to access emergency services, and referral. Telephone: 781-377-2120

FORT DEVENS SERVICES:

<u>Fort Devens Mail and Distribution</u>: Mail & Distribution Hours are as follows. The Door will be open for box pick up between the following hours.0730 AM to 1600 PM. Window pick up 0900 AM to 1200 PM 1230 PM to 1430 PM

Education Office: The 99th RSC Education Office is located at 30 Quebec Street, (Building 666) Fort Devens, in Rooms 328,326, and 324. POC is Lee Achenback at 978-796-2968. Services include educational and career counseling, GI Bill questions and issues, tuition assistance, financial aid and scholarship information as well as test administration and test proctoring.

Police Services Division: Fingerprinting 0930-1030 / 1500-1600 or By Appointment.

Police: 978-796-3333

Physical Security: 978-796-2061

Carlson Wagonlit Travel/Veterans Travel: 800-945-0535 or 402-345-7596

Devens Legal: 978-796-2255 Education Office: 978-796-2868

AAFES / Clothing & Sales: 978-772-6838 / 2065

Photo Section DA Photo: 978-796-2559

Fort Devens ID Cards 978 - 796-2130, Building 683

Billeting: Bldg. 978-796-3201

Distance Learning Center: 978-796-3612 / 2605 / 2626

Transportation: Passenger 978-796-2141/ or 2393 Freight 978-796-2832/ or 2840

Vehicles: 978-796-2141

MASSACHUSETTS RESOURCES: USO New England: http://www.uso-

newengland.org/index.htm

Massachusetts Parks: <u>www.state.ma.us/dem/forparks.htm</u>
Massachusetts Wildlife: <u>www.state.ma.us/dfwele/dfw</u>

State of Massachusetts Child Care Finder: www.qualitychildcare.org Massachusetts Getaway Guide: http://www.mass-vacation.com/

Massachusetts's area Guides net: http://massachusetts.ags.myareaguide.com/

Boston and Local Area Concerts: http://www.bostonconcerts.com/